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### **Superior Court to Honor Jurors During "Juror Appreciation Week"**

The Monterey County Superior Court will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week, May 9-13, to acknowledge the service and participation of local citizens as jurors.

The second week in May was identified for juror appreciation in 1998 by a special resolution of the California Legislature recognizing the important contributions of citizens in devoting their time and effort to make the cherished right of trial by jury a reality. Juror Appreciation Week is now an annual event in courts throughout the state.

"We in the Court want every person who has served, and those who will serve in the future, to know how much their participation as jurors contributes to our American system of justice," said Presiding Judge Timothy Roberts. "Trial by a jury made up of members of our local community is a tremendously important Constitutional right. Serving on a jury is not only an obligation of citizenship, it is a very real way for each of us to do our part to preserve and protect all of the rights guaranteed under the Constitution. But we recognize that jury service does require sacrifices, so we are pleased to have the opportunity to acknowledge those sacrifices and to thank all of our jurors who serve throughout the year."

Beginning Monday, May 9, 2011, Juror Appreciation Week will be celebrated at Jury Assembly locations at the Salinas and Monterey courthouses.

For further information about Jury Services, please visit the Court's public website at [www.monterey.courts.ca.gov](http://www.monterey.courts.ca.gov).

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